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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of American Transmission Company for Authority to
Construct and Place in Service a New 138/69 kV Substation Known
as Artesian Substation and to Convert the Existing 69 kV Transmission
Line, Known as the Reedsburg Loop to 138 kV System, in Sauk and
Columbia Counties 137-CE-106

Application of Wisconsin Power & Light Company for Authority
to Construct and Place in Service a New Substation, to be Known
as Birchwood Substation and to Convert Its Existing Three 69 kV
Substations to 138 kV Operation, All Located in Sauk County 6680-CE-166

Application of Reedsburg Utility Commission for Authority to
Construct and Place in Service a New Substation, to be Known
as Golf Course Road Substation and Upgrade Its Existing
Distribution System in the City of Reedsburg, Sauk County 4970-CE-105

NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION

THIS IS AN INVESTIGATION to consider the applications of the American Transmission Company (ATC), Wisconsin Power and Light Company (WP&L) and Reedsburg Utility Commission (Reedsburg) for authority under Wis. Stat. § 196.49 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 112 to upgrade approximately 33 miles of an existing 69 kV transmission line and associated substations from 69 kV to 138 kV (collectively known as the Sauk County Electric Reliability Project). The applicants are also proposing to construct three new substations and 0.75 mile of new 138/69 kV, double-circuit transmission line.

ATC is a public utility engaged in rendering electric transmission service in the state of Wisconsin, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 196.485. ATC's portion of the Sauk County Reliability Project consists of constructing a new 138/69 kV Artesian Substation and converting 33 miles of the existing 69 kV transmission line, known as the "Reedsburg Loop" to 138 kV, in Sauk and Columbia Counties, with an estimated total cost of \$22,686,000.

WP&L, an investor-owned electric and natural gas public utility as defined in Wis. Stat. § 196.01(5)(a), provides electric and natural gas service in central Wisconsin and in eastern Iowa. WP&L's portion of the Sauk County Reliability Project consists of constructing a new Birchwood Substation and converting three existing substations from 69 kV to 138 kV operations, in Sauk County, with an estimated total cost of \$4,883,000 which is included in ATC's cost summary.

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Reedsburg is an electric public utility as defined in Wis. Stat. § 196.01 (5)(a), providing electric service to approximately 4,300 customers in the city of Reedsburg and surrounding area. Reedsburg's portion of the Sauk County Reliability Project consists of constructing a new Golf Course Road Substation and upgrading its existing electric facilities, in the city of Reedsburg, Sauk County, with an estimated total cost of \$4,777,686.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicants. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicants in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

This is a Type II action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(2). It consequently requires the preparation of an environmental assessment to determine whether an environmental impact statement is necessary under Wis. Stat. § 1.11. Persons wishing to comment on environmental aspects of the proposed project should contact Ali A. Wali at (608) 267-3592.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the docket coordinator listed below.

Other questions regarding this matter may be directed to docket coordinator Mohammed M. Monawer at (608) 267-7778.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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